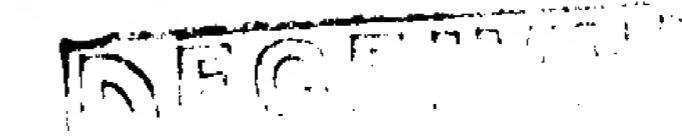
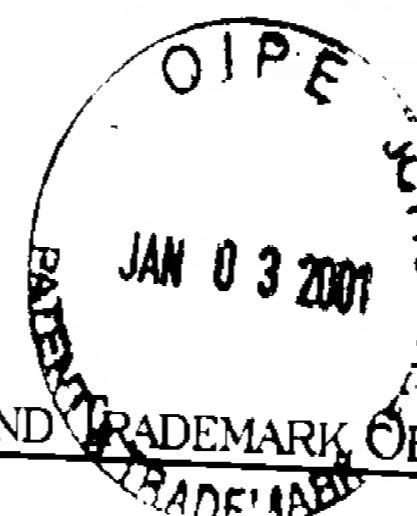




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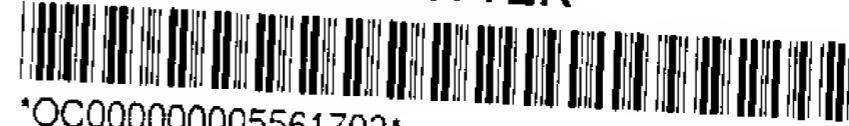


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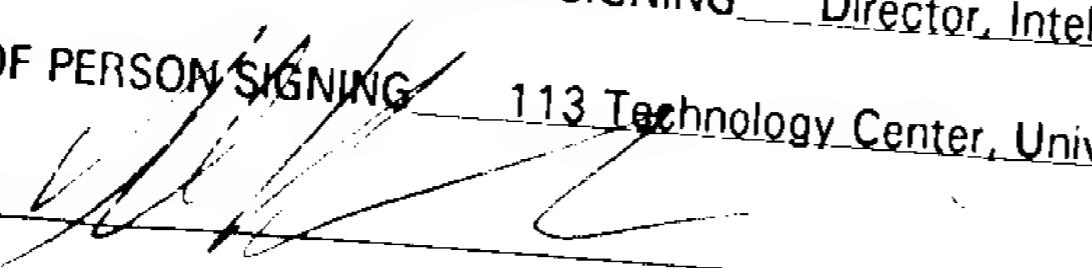
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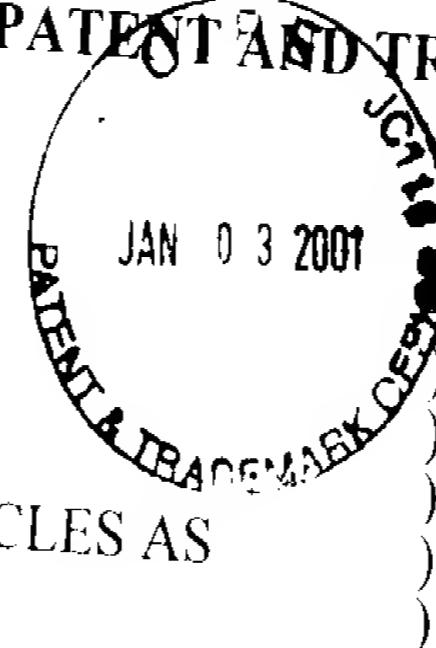
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- (a) the basic filing fee of \$355.00
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- (c) additional claims fee of \$794.00;
- (d) assignment recordation fee of \$40.00;
- (e) small entity statement;
- (f) associate power of attorney with letter that delegates signatory authority to Thomas Monahan on behalf of The Penn State Research Foundation;
- (g) a combined declaration and power of attorney signed by the inventors; and
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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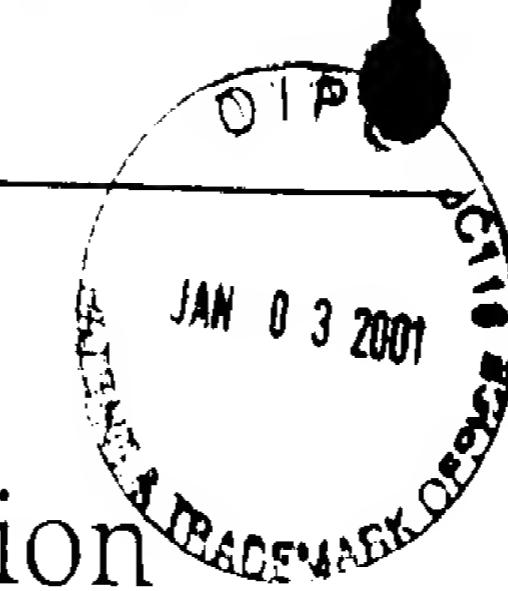
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Dear Dr. Monahan:

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